

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 11-20, amend claim 21, and add new claims 25-34.

Accordingly, claims 21-34 remain pending in the application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 21-24 define subject matter that is patentable over the prior art.

35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejects claims 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, due to a minor typographical error. Applicants hereby correct that error and now respectfully submit that claims 21-24 are all fully compliant with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS 25-34

New claims 25-34 correspond to the originally filed claims 11-20 that were inadvertently amended in the previously filed Preliminary Amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing explanations, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the present application, allow claims 21-34, and pass the application to issue. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kenneth D. Springer (Reg. No. 39,843) at (571) 283-0720 to discuss these matters.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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